

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 30, 2007 presents the examination of claims 1-8, claims 9-19 standing withdrawn from consideration following restriction of the subject matter of the application. Claims 4 and 6 are indicated as allowable but objected to as dependent from a rejected base claim.

The present paper incorporates the recitations of claim 4 into claim 1, cancels claim 4 and amends dependency of claim 6, thereby placing claims 1 and 6 into condition for allowance. Such favorable action on the merits is requested.

Rejected claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and withdrawn claims 9-19 are canceled.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file an application directed to the subject matter canceled from the present application pursuant to 35 USC § 120.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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